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It seems accurate in general. I should make the following comments:

1. Third paragraph, last sentence: This sounds as if the Agency makes actual surveys (which I suppose it is legally entitled to do under its "inspection" power, (Section 102 (e)) and actually directs the other agencies in some particulars ("...make certain that these requirements are fulfilled"). Probably the statement could be considered accurate from a reading of the Security Act, but it seems to me to give a somewhat wrong impression of what the Agency actually does.

2. Fourth paragraph, third line: The word "additional" is quoted from the Act, but in this context it would seem to me as a reader to imply that the CIA duties listed in paragraphs 2 and 3 are also "services of common concern". I should think the word "certain" would be preferable to "additional".

3. Fifth paragraph, first sentence: "which will not be slanted in the interest of any one Department." This implies that an individual department might deliberately "slant" a national intelligence estimate in its own interest, which would be unthinkable. Would it not be better to say something to the effect that CIA is in position to take a broader view of developments than would be natural to a single department specializing in a particular field? In view of the last two sentences, perhaps this could be taken care of through deletion of the words: "which will not be slanted in the interest of any one Department. Rather..." (I presume that the engaging mixture of metaphors in the last two sentences is none of our affair.)

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